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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

This Statement of the Substance of the Interview is submitted in response to the Interview Summary mailed December 13, 2006.

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REMARKS

On November 28, 2006, the undersigned conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Ewald with regard to the above-referenced application, and an Amendment After Final was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on December 5, 2006. The Examiner mailed an Interview Summary on December 13, 2006 which requires that a formal reply be submitted to include the substance of the interview, in view that the Amendment After Final did not provide one.

In response to the Interview Summary, the following is a summary of the telephone interview. Claim 1 was discussed, as well as the differences between the structure of the Stevens Patent (U.S. 3,221,371) and the present invention. Although the present invention has differences from the Stevens Patent, the Examiner took the position that Claim 1 was obvious in view of the Stevens Patent. The Examiner suggested filing an Amendment, in which narrower or distinguishing limitations are added to Claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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